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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RELATION

TO FEDERAL AFFAIRS.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30th, 1859.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THOMAS H. HICKS :

Dear Sir :—I have the honor to enclose you certain Resolutions, which passed unanimously both branches of the Legislature of South Carolina ; in one of which is an earnest request that you will appoint deputies, and adopt such other measures as will promote the meeting of the slave-holding States in Convention. You will see by the preamble to the Resolutions, that South Carolina, as a sovereign, claims the right to secede, whenever she may think it expedient to do so, but she much prefers concerted action, and is willing to follow any lead.

Be pleased to submit the Resolutions to your Legislature at the earliest moment.

With great respect and consideration,

I am yours, truly,

WM. H. GIST.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

ANNAPOLIS, *January 26, 1860.*

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

WILLIAM H. GIST,

GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA :

*Dear Sir :—*I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th December, (until now mislaid by an inadvertence) enclosing the Resolutions unanimously passed by the Legislature of South Carolina, in relation to Federal Affairs ; and requesting this State to join in the appointment of Deputies to a Convention of the slaveholding States, for their united action in regard to secession from the Union.

I will very cheerfully comply with your request to submit these Resolutions to the General Assembly of this State, now in session ; and in informing you of my intention so to do, it seems right to add the expression of my own opinion that, while the people of Maryland have cause, more than the people of any other Southern State, to complain of the loss and injury from these conspiracies and assaults, they do not see the remedy for such outrages in a measure, which, if it were possible, could only secure the continuance of them under shelter of a *foreign* asylum upon her borders.

With great respect and consideration,

I am yours, truly,

THOMAS H. HICKS.

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WHEREAS, The State of South Carolina, by her ordinance of A. D., 1852, affirmed her right to secede from the confederacy, whenever the occasion should arise, justifying her in her own judgment in taking that step; and in the Resolution adopted by her Convention, declared that she forebore the immediate exercise of that right, from considerations of expediency only.

AND WHEREAS, More than seven years have elapsed since that Convention adjourned, and in the intervening time assaults upon the institution of slavery, and upon the rights and equality of the Southern States, have unceasingly continued, with increasing violence, and in new and more alarming forms; be it, therefore,

1st. *Resolved, unanimously*, That the State of South Carolina, still deferring to her Southern sisters, nevertheless respectfully announces to them, that it is the deliberate judgment of this General Assembly, that the slave-holding States should immediately meet together to concert measures for united action.

2nd. *Resolved, unanimously*, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be communicated by the Governor to all the slave-holding States, with the earnest request of this State that they will appoint deputies, and adopt such measures as in their judgment will promote the said meeting.

3rd. *Resolved, unanimously*, That a Special Commissioner be appointed by His Excellency, the Governor, to communicate the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions to the State of Virginia, and to express to the authorities of that State the cordial sympathy of the people of South Carolina with the people of Virginia, and their earnest desire to unite with them in measures of common defence.

4th. *Resolved, unanimously*, That the State of South Carolina owes it to her own citizens, to protect them and their

property from every enemy, and that for the purpose of military preparations for any emergency, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) be appropriated for military contingencies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 16, 1859.

Resolved, That the House do agree to the Resolutions.

ORDERED, That they be sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By order,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

JOHN T. SLOAN,

Resolved, That the Senate do concur in the Resolutions.

ORDERED, That they be returned to the House of Representatives.

By order,

WM. E. MARTIN,

Clerk of the Senate.

